

APPENDIX II

I am greatly indebted to Dr. I. Schapera of Capetown University for permission (obtained for me through the kindness of Professor C. G. Seligman) to include here the following notes on certain points in the behaviour of children among the Bakatla, a Bantu tribe. The questions are Professor Seligman's ; the answers those of Dr. Schapera.

" (a) Have you observed any interest in the excreta, as indicated by the children making mud-pies, modelling clay balls, sausages, etc., collecting or hoarding objects (not food), difficulties in establishing bodily cleanliness ?

" (b) Have you observed the bigger children, i.e. more than three or four years old, biting, sucking, or chewing odds and ends?

" (c) Destructiveness—have you observed children destroying things for no very valid reason except that they seemed to be enjoying doing so ?

" (d) Have you observed sexual interests between, let us say, six and eleven or twelve years of age, or is there a latent period at this time, as has been stated by some authorities for European children ?

" [Negative observations, where you are in a position to make them, are just as valuable as positive.]"

" (a) Small children when playing together occasionally make use of urine : (i) Small boys sometimes urinate on each other for fun, or when out at the gardens take old melons, make holes and urinate inside them, and then chase each other about, sprinkling the urine in the melons over their fellows, (2) Sometimes they heap up some earth, make a hollow on top of the heap with their elbow (pressing it down on the heap), then urinate in this hollow and thus harden it for a while, when it cakes; then scoop away the hardened ground with their hand, and as long as it holds together use it as a receptacle for porridge—in fact they call it *maxopyana*, eating bowl'. . . In addition small boys make oxen,

men, etc.,
out of mud and play with them (this is very
common), and
they also have a game called *kama* which they
play at the
river: they make small cylinders of clay, about
the length of
a finger, and make a slight hollow at one end,
then toss these
into the water, the idea being to make them
land in the water
on their hollow end so that they give out a
special sort of
sound. The boys compete with each other to
see who can